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SUBJECT: NATO MULTILATERAL REVIEW OF COUNTRY FORCE PLANS

SUMMARY. DRC WILL START NATO MULTILATERAL EXAMINATION OF COUNTRY 1974-78 FORCE PLANS ON OCTOBER 16. EXAMINATION WILL PROVIDE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS IN ALLIED FORCES WHICH SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN TO ACHIEVE FOR NATO A SUBSTANTIAL CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITY. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT SPECIFIC FORCE IMPROVEMENTS WE SHOULD PRESS PARTICULAR COUNTRIES TO IMPLEMENT ABOVE AND BEYOND COUNTRY FORCE PLANS AS OUTLINED IN NATIONAL REPLIES TO DPQ 73. END SUMMARY.

1. DRC WILL BEGIN NATO MULTILATERAL EXAMINATION OF COUNTRY 1974-78 FORCE PLANS ON OCTOBER 16 (SEE USNATO 4751 FOR EXAMINATION SCHEDULE AND FOR USNATO MESSAGES CONTAINING REVIEWS OF COUNTRY PLANS). IN USNATO MESSAGES REVIEWING COUNTRY FORCE PLANS AS SUBMITTED IN NATIONAL RESPONSES TO DPQ-73, WE HAVE SUGGESTED FOR EACH COUNTRY' EXAMINATION SESSION A GENERAL LINE OF US QUESTIONING. OUR SUGGESTED QUESTIONS ARE GEARED TO CONFIDENTIAL

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MONITORING COUNTRY PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING FORCES IMPROVEMENTS AS RECOMMENDED IN NATO 1973-78 FORCE GOALS AND IN AD-70 STATEMENT

2. THIS YEAR, AS A RESULT OF SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S STATEMENT

AT THE JUNE DPC MINISTERIAL, THE DRC IS DEVOTING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE THREE CRITICAL AREAS OF AIRCRAFT SHELTERS, ANTI-TANK WEAPONS, AND WAR RESERVE STOCKS. COUNTRY CHAPTERS, PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF, ARE TO HAVE SPECIAL SECTIONS ON THESE THREE AREAS.

3. WE VIEW THIS YEAR'S MULTILATERAL EXAMINATIONS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS IN ALLIED FORCES, ADDITIONAL TO EXISTING COUNTRY PLANS, WHICH THE US HOPES INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES WILL IMPLEMENT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE NATO WITH A SUBSTANTIAL CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITY. ACCORDINGLY, WE REQUEST GUIDANCE FROM WASHINGTON ON SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS, BY COUNTRY, WHICH WE SHOULD URGE DURING MULTILATERAL EXAMINATIONS. GUIDANCE FOR BELGIUM, FRG, NETHERLANDS, AND UK WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL.
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